# Beware, Strength is in Shooting

Our Lord commanded His worshippers to prepare all the causes of strength with which to terrorize His enemies and to prevent them from inflicting harm on the Muslims, and as a means to punish them. Allah said: "And make ready against them all you can of power, including steeds of war (tanks, planes, missiles, artillery) to threaten the enemy of Allah and your enemy, and others besides whom, you may not know but whom Allah does know. And whatever you shall spend in the Cause of Allah shall be repaid unto you, and you shall not be treated unjustly" [Al-Anfal, 60]. And the Prophet (PBUH) utilized the strength which Allah ordered him to prepare, by means of various projectiles. It was narrated in the Hadith of 'Uqba bin Aamir, may Allah be pleased with him: 'I heard the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) saying from the pulpit, "Prepare to meet them (the enemy) with as much strength as you can afford. Verily! Strength is in shooting, strength is in shooting, strength is in shooting." (Muslim) Such preparation includes manufacturing those means, or buying them, and training well with them, so as to extract the greatest benefit from them.

Shooting certainly includes all means of firing weapons directed towards specific targets, whether the weapons were a bayonet mounted on the muzzle of a rifle, or bombs of varying types and sizes delivered by rockets, artillery shells, and aircraft. The greater the range in the delivery of the weapons, and the greater the precision in reaching the targets, and the greater the capacity to carry weapons that inflict more harm, the greater their effectiveness, and their role in terrorizing the enemy or punishment him when necessary.

One of the greatest duties on Muslims today is seeing to this aspect and developing it in three necessary respects: range, accuracy and destructive power, especially as the required science and knowledge are not limited to the hands of the kaffir countries, as it was in the past, and the means of manufacture are available and can be secured with relative ease everywhere. There exists a greater need for this, in the light of the Crusaders and murtaddin increasing the defenses of their gaps and the centers of their power, to prevent the assaults of the mujahidin on them and causing them harm. And this comes at a time when they have the most powerful means to hit the mujahidin, even in the depths far from the fronts, using their aircraft and rockets of various ranges.

We see in these days and those prior, the magnitude of terror and deterrence caused by a country possessing long-range rockets, or a collection of medium- and short-range rockets, where even if the accuracy is poor, they have a limited ability to carry devastating weapons. Thus they threaten their enemies to move the harm to inside their own homes and to the middle of their militry bases, which are presumably safe, thereby preventing them from limiting the battlefield in their land.

In every stage in which the mujahidin wage guerrilla warfare, we have seen our enemies holing up inside their their fortified bases and moving solely with strict security measures, in order to reduce losses in their ranks, and to prevent the mujahidin from reaching them, and also insisting on protecting the cities over which they have control, to prevent the mujahid covert units from entering them or being able to smuggle inside their weapons and explosives, where the mujahidin can benefit from them to harm their enemies.

We also understand that any attempt to hit the enemy from close range or clashing with them directly, exposes the lives of the mujahidin to danger to some extent. Conversely, if they are able to hit the enemy from a relatively long range, they can withdraw from the risky locations after harming the enemy, by Allah's permission.

We have seen how Allah horrified the murtaddin in some areas of Iraq, once the mujahidin bombed their villages and farms with just a few mortar shells. They evacuated entire villages, fearing harm from the mujahidin, and they found themselves incapable of deterring the shells, after they thought they had secured their areas of control with checkpoints, barriers, and heavy guards that obstruct the entry of the mujahidin to the inside.

All of this and other than it raised the attention of the mujahidin about the necessity of developing their firing capabilities, especially in the aspect of rockets of different ranges, and drones capable of carrying shells of different sizes, and to provide all that is needed to enhance this aspect of jihadi work in terms of human, financial, material and informational resources. Amassing a stockpile of great firepower, with long range and a high degree of accuracy that enables hitting the enemy in his own home, will lead to significant changes in the course of battles with the enemies everywhere, by Allah's permission.

Through the trials of the mujahidin in Iraq and Sham, it became evident to us that the possibility of manufacturing these weapons is not very difficult for the mujahidin. Truly, the brothers working in the military industry have achieved great results in this aspect, from which they may benefit, by Allah's permission, and develop.

Further, we recommended the Muslims who have expertise and scientific potential in this regard, to make hijrah to their brothers the Islamic State soldiers in the various Wilayat, and help them in this duty, in order to frustrate the enemies, and to terrorize them and thus stop them from continuing to harm the Muslims.